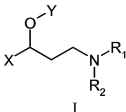


Amendments to the Claims

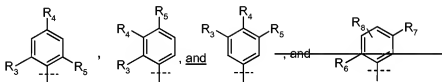
1. (currently amended) A compound of formula I:



wherein

X is selected from C₁-C₈ alkyl, which may be optionally substituted with up to 3 substituents each independently selected from phenyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n where n is 0, 1 or 2, -CF₃, -CN and -CONH₂;

Y is selected from



wherein

R₃, R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, -CF₃, -SCF₃ and cyano;

R₆ and R₇ are independently selected from halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, -CF₃, -SCF₃ and cyano;

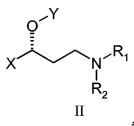
R₈ is selected from chloro, bromo, iodo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl-S(O)_n where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, -CF₃, -SCF₃ and cyano; and

R_1 and R_2 are each independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

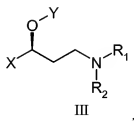
or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; provided when R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen, R_5 is not hydrogen.

Claims 2-5 (canceled).

6. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in [[c]]Claim 1, wherein the compound possesses the stereochemistry defined in formula II



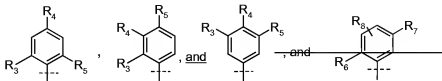
7. (withdrawn-currently amended) A compound as claimed Claim 1 wherein the compound possesses the stereochemistry defined in formula III



8. (previously presented) A compound as claimed in Claim 1 wherein X is C_1 - C_8 alkyl which may be optionally substituted with one substituent independently selected from phenyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl-S(O) $_n$ where n is 0, 1 or 2, and -CF₃.

Claims 9-14 (canceled).

15. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in Claim 8 wherein Y is selected from



wherein

R₃, R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and -CF₃;

~~R₆ and R₇ are independently selected from halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and -CF₃; and~~

~~R₈ is selected from chloro, bromo, iodo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and -CF₃;~~

provided when R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen, R₅ is not hydrogen.

Claims 16-20 (canceled).

21. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as defined in Claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

Claims 22-32 (canceled).

33. (previously presented) A compound as claimed in Claim 15 wherein X is n-propyl.